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ON THE COVER: Spc. Ryan Wendt, a cook in the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, performs at the 17th Special Troops Battalion's Family Day Sept. 11 in Virginia City. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

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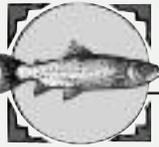
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FROM SENIOR LEADERSHIP

General Craig McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau

The National Guard: A great value for America

WASHINGTON – At a time when fiscal responsibility is so important, the National Guard is an economically sound investment. The National Guard can be used for rotational, operational and predictable missions regularly, and help the services retain experienced personnel and crucial force structure in a cost-effective manner.

The primary reason for the National Guard's cost-effectiveness is its part-time/full-time force mix. Until called and placed in paid-duty status, traditional National Guard members incur minimal cost to the Department of Defense.

Cost savings attributable to the community-based, part-time nature of the National Guard include fewer pay days per year; lower medical costs; lower retirement expenditures; significantly lower training costs beyond initial qualification training; virtually no cost for moving families and household goods to new duty stations every two or three years; fewer entitlements such as housing and food allowances; and lower base support costs in terms of infrastructure and services, including runways, base housing, commissaries and childcare facilities.

Despite the part-time nature, the men and women of the National Guard have proved themselves repeatedly in combat, humanitarian and domestic-response missions.

Analysts have studied the actual cost of the Guard and Reserve as compared to the active components of the U.S. armed forces. Nearly all report the same baseline conclusion: structure and manpower are less expensive to maintain in the National Guard than in the active component.

Compare the relative sizes of budget and manpower. The Army National Guard operates using less than 11 percent of the Army's 2010 budget, makes up 32 percent of the Army's personnel, and maintains nearly 40 percent of its operating force. The Air National Guard operates using less than 7 percent of the Air Force's 2010 budget, makes up 19 percent of Air Force personnel and maintains 30-40 percent of the Air Force's fighter, tanker and airlift capacity.

The value of the National Guard is evident through its proven capabilities in two distinct missions – protecting America at home and defending America overseas.



In its domestic missions, National Guard members' understanding of the local communities where they live and serve allow them to act quickly and effectively when needed. The National Guard is able to

perform its homeland mission while also providing a significant level of support to U.S. interests overseas.

The current fiscal situation of the United States is forcing its leaders to recognize that efficiency is necessary. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has challenged the services to allocate money more wisely. Discussions in Congress and within the administration emphasize the fact that, in upcoming years, the Department of Defense will be expected to provide the highest level of military capabilities without continued budget increases.

As a dual-missioned operational force requiring only a small portion of defense funds, the National Guard can provide the department with a solution to their challenge. The nation must invest its limited resources wisely to provide for the future security of Americans. The wise, value-added choice is a ready, capable and accessible National Guard. ■

(Excerpted from "The National Guard: A Great Value for America." To view the entire report, visit: www.ng.mil/Images1/docs/Value_of_the_National_Guard.pdf.)

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Shadow Harvest comes to fruition for Nevada Air Guard

By Maj. Koby Harding, 192nd Airlift Squadron

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – After showcasing the Nevada Air Guard’s intelligence expertise in the midst of a combat zone throughout the summer, about 100 members of the 152nd Airlift Wing concluded their Shadow Harvest deployment here in early September and safely returned to Reno.

The aircraft and crews flew hundreds of operational, surveillance and reconnaissance missions during the three-month deployment, supporting many organizations ranging from forward operating bases on the ground to the Pentagon.

During the mission, the Airmen worked in conjunction with the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, the National Ground Intelligence Center and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

The Shadow Harvest Airmen deployed under the auspices of the 152nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and worked for the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing headquartered at Bagram. Twenty

minutes prior to the Nevada aircraft’s initial arrival at the air base, the field came under an indirect mortar and rocket attack. Fortunately, no rounds met their mark during the attack, but the reality of a combat environment quickly became clear to the inbound Nevadans.

The Shadow Harvest team collected a large amount of data per flight that required processing, exploitation and dissemination. More than two dozen people, including six analysts from the United Kingdom and members of three different intelligence agencies, operated around the clock to provide continuous analysis and ongoing productivity.

“In just a short amount of time, we produced more than 1,000 intelligence products directly for our clients to support their operations and safeguard their activities,” said Capt. Brian Gunderson of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron. “For a single platform, this is a remarkable volume of production, and it’s a testament to the squadron’s proficiency and ability.”

One section that performed extremely well was the 152nd Maintenance Team, led by Chief Master Sgt. Steve Gilbert.



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Master Sgt. Dennis Chanez zeroes his weapon for combat during the 152nd Airlift Wing's Shadow Harvest mission this past summer. About 100 Nevada Guardsmen concluded their deployment to Afghanistan in early September. Photo: Courtesy of Randy Haser

For example, a problem due to a de-icing system malfunction caused a burn on an engine. The aircraft maintainers performed a propeller change and found the replacement propeller was leaking excessive oil.

The team then acquired a new propeller, did a second replacement and successfully performed test-engine runs before their 18-hour work day ended, ensuring that the next scheduled flight was able to launch on time.

The Shadow Harvest equipment evolved through a process of testing individual sensors on aircraft including the RB-57, DC-3, C-130E and C-130H. The Puerto Rico Air Guard hosted training sessions with Airmen in Nevada's 152nd Intelligence Squadron for the U. S. Southern Command before the U.S. Central Command introduced a new direction for the program.

Many different Nevada Guard squadrons were involved with nearly every phase of the testing. The 152nd Maintenance Group provided deployed maintenance support along with the 152nd Logistics Readiness Squadron and the 152nd Operations Support Flight. The 192nd Airlift Squadron provided flight crews, and the 152nd Intelligence Squadron provided airborne analysts along with sensor operators and mission commanders.

The 152nd Airlift Wing began its deployment preparations with more calibrations, tests and training flights at Point Mugu last spring to hone skills and formulate standard operating procedures for all who were set to deploy to Afghanistan. ■

In the Guard, Harding has been a aircraft mechanic, navigator, instructor pilot and critical infrastructure protection team lead, and in high school worked as a dishwasher, busboy and waiter at Bill Fong's Coffee Shop and Dining Room, but says none of that was as difficult as passing a flightline driver's test.

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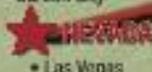
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RENO – Chief Master Sgt. William Moore, left, welcomes home Tech. Sgt. Mark Bodnar on Sept. 4 at the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. Bodnar had just concluded his Shadow Harvest deployment to Afghanistan. For more on the Shadow Harvest mission, turn to page 4.

Photo: Master Sgt. Suzanne Connell



LAS VEGAS – Lt. Col. Kurt Neddenriep receives the 1/221st Armored Reconnaissance Squadron's colors from 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment commander Col. Tony Aguto as outgoing commander Lt. Col. John Cunningham looks on Sept. 12 in Las Vegas. The ceremony signified the assumption of command of the 700-Soldier organization for Neddenriep. Cunningham had commanded the 1/221st for four years and guided the squadron during its recent one-year deployment to Afghanistan.

Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Frank L. Marquez

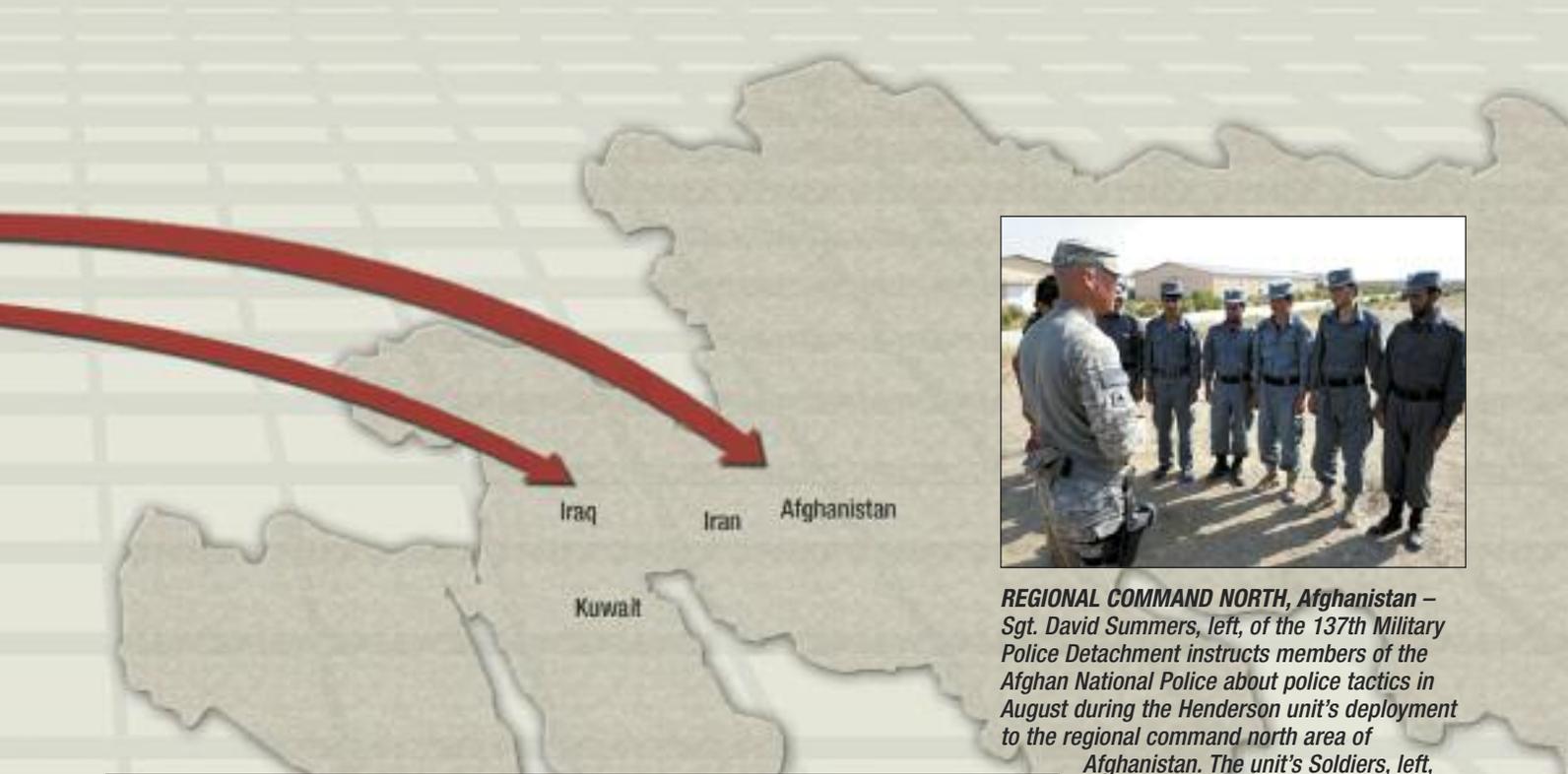


BENTON HARBOR, Mich. – Wearing National Guard colors, Staff Sgt. Paul Duncan of the Nevada Army Guard's Recruiting and Retention staff and marathon team runs into the finish line of the Steelhead Ironman 70.3 on Aug. 14 in Benton Harbor. To complete the event, Duncan swam 1,200 meters, biked 56 miles and ran 13.1 miles. His overall time for the three-discipline Ironman event was 6 hours, 12 minutes. Photo: Courtesy of Duncan family

MINDEN – Command Sgt. Maj. James Richardson, left, reviews a commemorative plaque with GE Energy employees Adrian Cobb, center, and Cheryl Jeanblanc at the company's headquarters on Aug. 5. Richardson and squadron commander Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham visited the company to personally thank the GE employees and deliver the plaque. During the 1/221st Cavalry's recent deployment, GE Energy sent 503 Christmas care packages to the Soldiers in the squadron. Company employees also sent 185 packages to Nevada Airmen and 1864th Transportation Company Soldiers in Iraq and Kuwait. The company has forwarded tons of packages, at a cost of several thousand dollars, to deployed Nevada Soldiers and Airmen for seven consecutive years.



Photo: Spc. Craig Kenison



REGIONAL COMMAND NORTH, Afghanistan – Sgt. David Summers, left, of the 137th Military Police Detachment instructs members of the Afghan National Police about police tactics in August during the Henderson unit's deployment to the regional command north area of Afghanistan. The unit's Soldiers, left, often work with German counterparts when policing the region. The unit has been deployed about six months and is setting up Law and Order Military Police units in the region and running military police stations. For more on the 137th, turn to page 14. Photo: Courtesy of the 137th Military Police Detachment



LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – The Nevada National Guard Agribusiness Development Team assumes responsibility from the South Carolina ADT on Sept. 8 at a forward operating base in eastern Afghanistan. The team departed in July and spent countless hours of pre-deployment training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., before finally reaching its destination and beginning its missions. For more on the team, turn to page 14. Photo: Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter



Mustang 22 memorial dedicated in Stead

RENO – The Nevada Army National Guard dedicated a memorial to five fallen Soldiers here at its Army Aviation Support Facility on Sept. 25, the five-year anniversary of when Taliban insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade that shot down their CH-47 Chinook helicopter named Mustang 22 over southern Afghanistan west of Deh Chopan in 2005. The Guardsmen were assigned to D Company, 113th Aviation.

In addition to Sgt. Patrick Stewart, the Chinook's flight engineer; the other Nevada Soldier who died was pilot Chief Warrant Officer John Flynn of Sparks.

Others aboard the helicopter, and also honored on Saturday, were Sgt. Kenneth Ross of Peoria, Ariz., from the 7th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, based in Germany; and Warrant Officer Adrian B. Stump and Sgt. Tane T. Baum, both from Company D in Pendleton, Ore.

The memorial contains several symbolic touches that pay homage to the Mustang 22 crew. The outer ring measures about 60 feet,



A Nevada Army Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter conducts a flyover of the newly dedicated Mustang 22 Memorial on Sept. 25 in Reno. The Nevada Guard dedicated the memorial to the five fallen Soldiers who perished when Taliban insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade that shot down their CH-47 Chinook helicopter named Mustang 22 in southern Afghanistan in 2005. Photo: Retired Lt. Col. Steve Ranson

the same diameter as the rotor of a Chinook helicopter. The inner wall has a diameter of 22 feet to honor the crew's call sign. Symbolic

clock hands also represent "0305 Zulu" or 3:05 a.m. in military time – which was when Mustang 22 was shot down.

Army retiree day – Dec. 5

LAS VEGAS – The long-time military service and dedication of all recently retired southern Nevada Army Guard Soldiers will be recognized Dec. 5 at the Las Vegas Readiness Center during the annual Retiree Appreciation Day. The center is located at 4500 W. Silverado Ranch Blvd.

The event includes a retiree ceremony honoring the Nevada Army Guard's 2010 retirees at 2:30 p.m. The day's events begin at 10 a.m. and include a retiree briefing and the retiree awards ceremony. Organizations planning to provide information and answer questions include Triwest and Veterans Upward Bound.

For information, call Delana Cardenas at (702) 632-0517.

Two Nevada employers receive ESGR Freedom Awards

ARLINGTON, Va. – Newmont Mining Corporation of Elko and Legacy Sports International of Reno were recognized with Secretary of Defense Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Freedom Awards for 2010 here on Sept. 23. The award is

the U.S. government's highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of their employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.

Newmont Mining Corporation was nominated by Winnemucca resident Staff Sgt. Curt Prokasky of the Nevada Army Guard.

More than 2,500 nominations were submitted for the award.

Past winners of the award in Nevada include Sierra Pacific Resources, MGM Mirage Corporation, Sun Valley General Improvement District and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

10-hour work days now in effect

CARSON CITY – The work schedule for most Nevada National Guard federal employees has been modified and now entails four, 10-hour workdays from 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

According to a memorandum from Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, the work schedule was changed to evaluate the potential cost savings associated with a compressed work schedule. The test period will be one year with a goal of a 15 percent

energy cost savings. If the goal is not attained during the test period, the military department will run a similar test program of five, eight-hour work days per week in an attempt to reach the 15 percent goal.

Variations in the work schedule have been reviewed and approved by Burks on a case-by-case basis.

Three cavalry Soldiers receive Bronze Stars

LAS VEGAS – The Army has awarded to three 1/221st Cavalry Soldiers – Staff Sgt. Jason Fincher, Sgt. Anthony Sandoval and Pfc. Justo Baltasar – Bronze Star Medals for Valor for their actions in combat on Sept. 5, 2009. While attached to the 10th Special Forces Group during a mission in Laghman Province, Afghanistan, the three were in a shootout with about 50 Taliban fighters.

While conducting surveillance at a remote village, the three were part of a group attacked by Taliban ambushers. The battle lasted several hours – Baltasar used nearly all of the 1,200 rounds he brought on the mission.

The group was eventually picked up by a French army helicopter that narrowly avoided a rocket-propelled grenade as it departed the battlefield.

The 700-Soldier cavalry squadron completed its one-year deployment to Afghanistan in April with no losses.

Nevada Guard to receive CERF package

CARSON CITY – The Department of Defense announced in July that Nevada is among several states set to receive funds to establish a National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives Enhanced Response Force Package as part of the regional homeland response force. The CERFP will be available to assist the region's first responders.

The force – about 170 Soldiers and Airmen – will be established from existing force structure and will be trained to respond to weapons of mass destruction events and will be skilled in the extraction of victims from contaminated areas, mass-patient decontamination, and the medical treatment and stabilization of casualties.

Other states and territories also set to receive CERFPs include Puerto Rico, Maine, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Kentucky, Oregon, Indiana and Alabama.

The Nevada National Guard currently has a Civil Support Team composed of about 20 full-time Soldiers and Airmen who are trained to respond to chemical, biological, nuclear and high-explosive incidents.

A precise timetable for the establishment of the force has not yet been released. ■



The Nevada Guard's civil support team trains in Las Vegas in May during the Desert Torch exercise. Nevada is set to receive another unit ready to respond to weapons of mass destruction incidents. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

Air Guard takes to water for survival training

By Tech. Sgt. Wendy Yada and Staff Sgt. Rebecca Palmer, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

NAVAL BASE CORONADO, Calif.

– Nevada Air Guard's 152nd Operations Group took to a new element – water – here Sept. 10-12 to improve its military readiness and its effectiveness in working with other military branches.

Airmen from the 192nd Airlift Squadron, the 152nd Intelligence Squadron and the 152nd Airlift Wing joined Sailors, Marines and California Airmen for three days of realistic combat training at the naval base.

Focus of the training was to sharpen technical and survival skills necessary to succeed in combat. The training included classes on evading capture, personnel recovery, water and combat survival skills, and the military code of conduct.

Ninety-five aircrew personnel, pilots, navigators, engineers and loadmasters participated in the training.

The first stop for many was the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar for ground survival training. At Miramar, aircrew personnel completed a navigational course and then were instructed in self-aid and buddy care, navigation skills and map orientation. Finally, they had to complete an escape-and-evade scenario.

The Airmen then traveled to Coronado Amphibious Base for their water survival training. The students were required to complete four stations which represented potential open-water situations.

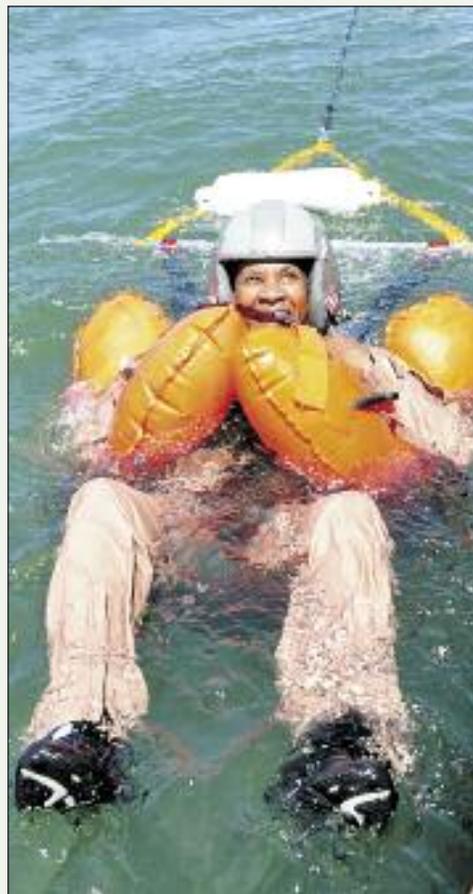
The first station simulated a parachute landing in water; the second included a swim to an emergency 20-man raft; the third station involved a single-man raft; the fourth was the parachute drag.

Throughout the water survival training, aircrew members wore only their flight suits, clad as they would be in an emergency landing.

High-risk interrogation was the final training for the aircrew members on the third day of their mission. Conducted at the Naval Station Coronado's Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Facility, the classroom training covered many different techniques and scenarios.

"We did this because it's cost effective, it's realistic, and it's going to improve our response capabilities when we are called to respond to duty," said operations group commander Lt. Col. Karl Stark. "When it's time to respond, it's very valuable to have trained with those we will serve with."

This survival training was one of the largest exercises ever conducted by the 152nd Operations Group. The survival training is required every three years. ■



Master Sgt. Angela Ash, first sergeant of the 152nd Operations Group, participates in water survival training near San Diego on Sept. 10. Airmen from the 152nd Airlift Wing joined Sailors, Marines and California Airmen for three days of the required, realistic combat and survival training in one of the operations group's largest exercises in its history. Focus of the training was to sharpen the technical and survival skills necessary for Airmen to succeed in combat. Photo: Tech. Sgt. Wendy Yada

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Child and Youth Program fights for youngsters on the home front

By Spc. Craig Kenison, 609th Engineer Company

CARSON CITY – Anyone who has kids can attest to how much time and effort it takes to successfully raise a child, and everyone in the National Guard can attest to how much time and effort it takes to stay in uniform.

To do well at both requires a balance of time management, dedication and attention. So it's no surprise when a deployment or extended time away from home threatens to upset the internal military service/child nurturing balance within a family.

One resource in the Nevada Guard family support system ready to help maintain the balance within families is the Nevada National Guard Child and Youth Program.

The goal of the program is to support the social, emotional and educational needs of Nevada National Guard children and youth, especially when a parent is deployed. The program works to identify resources and develop support systems for the 3,100 dependents under the age of 18 who currently have a parent serving in the Nevada National Guard.

One year can seem like an eon to children when their nearest and dearest relatives are away. Young children have difficulty understanding why loved ones must leave. The resulting stress kids experience during deployment can lead to high risk activities and allow them to become susceptible to outside influences.

Monica Brown, coordinator of the Child and Youth Program, fights every day to keep children away from high risk activities and instead offers kids ways to reduce their stresses during deployment through support and available resources.

The main focus of the youth program is, naturally, taking care of the needs of children. With close ties to programs within the family support network, including the Yellow Ribbon Program and Military OneSource, the staff in the youth program office is familiar with the resources available in agencies and programs across the nation to assist Nevada Guard children with their battles on their respective home fronts.

Brown can also assist families with child care issues, difficulties with school, or any other problems the families may endure as a result of deployment.



Military family students pick up supplies for the school year during Operation Homefront's Back to School day at the Plumb Lane Armory in Reno on Aug. 14. The Nevada Guard's Child and Youth Program teamed with local 4-H Clubs and Dollar Tree stores of northern Nevada to provide dozens of students with new binders, folders, notebooks and calculators for the 2010-2011 school year. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

"When families come to us with problems or use the support channels before things get out of hand, we are able to identify the resources available and help them," Brown said. "The staff has developed support channels and systems and works with departments and organizations that assist children of Nevada Guardsmen."

With so much occurring before a deployment, Guardsmen and their families don't always know what is available as a resource. One of the toughest tasks the staff in the youth programs office encounters is spreading the word about the services available to Nevada Airmen and Soldiers.

The program also aims to make sure families know about other resources such as health care, counseling, and tutoring. In fact, the Army has partnered with Tutor.com to bring free tutoring assistance to Army and Air families. This program is available to all families regardless of component or deployment status.

For information on the program in Southern Nevada, call Brown at (702) 632-0511. For information in Northern Nevada, call Brittany Nelson at (775) 384-5805. ■

For the latest information on the National Guard Child and Youth Program, go to Facebook and search "NVNG Child and Youth Program" or call or visit your local Nevada National Guard Child and Youth Program representative:

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RENO'S RADIO ROSS REACHES REMOTE REACTION FORCE AIRMAN

By 1st Lt. Jason Yuhasz
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO — Half a world away in Southwest Asia, Nevada Guard Airman 1st Class Chris Brown says a Reno radio personality is speaking directly to him, leaving some to believe he's experiencing auditory hallucinations.

He's completely sane, though.



Airman 1st Class Chris Brown works as a quick reaction force gunner in Southwest Asia. Brown listens to his father's newscasts via satellite radio and the Armed Forces Radio service.

Photo: Courtesy of 152nd Security Forces Squadron

The voice Brown hears via the satellite broadcast of Reno radio station KKOH 780 is that of his father, news announcer Ross Mitchell.

Mitchell, a 26-year veteran of the radio dial in northern Nevada, admits he has been known to sneak in some personal messages to Brown during his broadcasts. Sometimes, it's the temperature or the

weather forecast for the location where Brown is stationed.

Brown enlisted with the 152nd Security Forces Squadron in 2008 and said in a phone conversation that he listens to his dad as often as his duty will allow via online streaming or through one of the American Forces Radio and Television Service stations.

Mitchell, who never enlisted himself, said he never thought he would have a child in the military. He left the decision to join the service to the Truckee Meadows High School graduate, with only the advice of "Don't go into broadcasting!"

Since childhood, Brown wanted to work in the law enforcement arena. Once, Mitchell helped him get a ride-along in the front seat of a Nevada Highway Patrol car.

Brown's first job was as a tobacco-decoy youth investigator with the Northern Nevada Tobacco Compliance unit through the state attorney general's office. Brown worked with law enforcement to help keep businesses from selling tobacco to minors.

From his undisclosed Southwest Asia location, the 19-year-old says he enjoys his time abroad. The security forces squadron has regularly rotated him through different security positions; his favorite duty is being part of the quick reaction force. He says his current deployment in an impoverished area has given him a new perspective on what he has at home.

"Being overseas helps me appreciate the little things back in Nevada," Brown said. "My security forces job entails a fine balance of being watchful and alert with being friendly and helpful."

Mitchell said the whole deployment experience has changed his own perspective on military service.



While wearing a deployment bracelet as a constant reminder of his son's ongoing service, KKOH 780 broadcaster Ross Mitchell delivers the news to northern Nevada on Aug. 24 from the KKOH studio in Reno. Photo: 2nd Lt. Jason Yuhasz Brown

"Having a family member directly involved in the Global War on Terrorism and battling for our freedoms has affected me," said Mitchell while wearing a deployment bracelet sent by his son. "Sometimes I'll become emotional while reading the on-air news about injuries to troops or reading about those service members who've made the ultimate sacrifice."

He now shares a common bond with other military parents. Mitchell eagerly waits to hear from Brown and feels for those parents who haven't seen or heard from their sons and daughters recently.

Mitchell doesn't have long to wait to finally see Brown in person. Father and son are set to reunite in Reno this month when Brown's deployment concludes.

"I can't wait to get home to see my girlfriend, my brother and my dog," said Brown, who is set to start classes at the University of Nevada, Reno, once he's back in town.

So the next time you're listening to KKOH and hear the weather forecast for an obscure spot halfway around the globe, realize you may be eavesdropping on a bit of a father-to-son conversation. ■

Yuhasz likes classic rock and country music, but admits he has a face for radio.

CALL SIGNS -

monikers match aviators' personalities, traits, actions

By 1st Lt. Jason Yuhasz, 152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – His real name is Lt. Col. Dave Yao. But on the flight line, he'll answer to "Chairman."

Maj. Todd Hudson responds to "Beethoven." Call out "Rainman" and Maj. Steve Mills will reply.

Totally confused?

Many aviators in the Nevada Air Guard (and some in the Army Guard) have call sign nicknames they often use in a variety of circumstances.

Call signs were initially used as unique identifiers while communicating over the telegraph. When military aviators first took to the skies, aircraft paint designs and logos were used to visually identify individual pilots.

As military aviation technology improved, radio communication became widespread and created a demand for a spoken identifier. By the time World War II ended, many aviators had adopted handles or call signs as a means of unique identification.

The practice became common place during the Vietnam War and exploded after the movie "Top Gun" debuted in 1986. (Remember Maverick and Iceman?) Since then, the call sign has evolved into a moniker fellow aircrew members use for one another on the ground and in the air.

Note that aircraft commander or mission commander call signs are completely independent of aircraft or flight call signs.

Ideally, a call sign will match the aviator's personality, traits – and sometimes historical events in the aviator's past.

"Call signs may reflect something you've done, a mistake you made, a physical attribute you possess, or they can be tied to an event or place," Hudson said. "Sometimes they're adult in nature, sometimes they're funny and sometimes they hit a little below the belt. Usually, the more someone dislikes their own call sign, the more their friends and co-workers enjoy using it."

Hudson elaborated on the special nature of call signs.

"Call signs are not issued like a flight suit or a pair of boots," Hudson said. "After an aviator has done some time on the road and accumulated some flying hours, he or she receives their call sign. The name must be given to an aviator by another aviator. Someone who



Maj. Todd "Beethoven" Hudson checks his navigator's equipment on board a Nevada Air Guard C-130 on Sept. 15 in Reno. He answers to the call sign "Beethoven" thanks in large part to his previous career as a band teacher. Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka



Maj. Steve Mills' collection of patches includes one of his call sign name tape "Rainman." Photo: Maj. April Conway

Top 10 Nevada Air Guard call signs

Lt. Col. Jon "Tool Shed" Schulstad • Lt. Col. David "Chairman" Yao
Lt. Col. Warren "Bum" Rapp • Lt. Col. Kevin "Boo Boo" Newberry
Maj. Todd "Beethoven" Hudson • Master Sgt. Paul "Lunch Box" Banish
Master Sgt. Santiago "Ditto" Santiago • Brig. Gen. Bill "Billy Baroo" Burks
Col. David "Snidley" Snyder • Master Sgt. Paul "Condor" Grush

would designate their own call sign is asking for a call sign that they aren't really going to like."

Hudson was given his call sign Beethoven because he was a band teacher. Mills became Rainman due to his mathematical skills and deadpan delivery of answers. Master Sgt. Paul Grush, who is more than six feet tall, received the call sign Condor to reflect his wide wing span.

In direct contrast to Condor, the small statured Maj. Ricardo Bravo's handle is Finch.

In the Air Force fighter community, receiving a call sign is a formal, standardized practice. When an aviator reaches his or her mission-ready status at their first operational unit, the officer who runs the heritage ceremonies hosts a call sign ceremony. During the ceremony, the aviators are briefed on the history and expectations of the Airmen in the squadron and a formal process of selecting the aviator's call sign begins. The aviator has no part in the decision about the call sign and is referred to by that call sign from the ceremony onward.

Airmen in uniform on the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno wear a standard name tag on their flight suits that includes their name, aircrew position and a silhouette of the state of Nevada. Although one may occasionally see a call sign name tape, it's not authorized. In the fighter community, it's common practice – but still not authorized – to wear squadron-colored T-shirts on Fridays and wear call sign name tags at specific heritage events.

Although there are no official military regulations on call signs, common sense dictates where one should and shouldn't use a call sign moniker. Normally, one can use call signs with peers and subordinates in an informal setting; otherwise, use proper military bearing with the standard rank and last name when addressing aviators. When in doubt, always address a person formally. ■

DEPLOYMENT ROUNDUP

137th MPs, Ag Team in position; C-12 unit takes off

By Maj. Jeff Johnson, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs; Capt. Laura Boldry, 137th Military Police Detachment; and Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter, Agribusiness Development Team

REGIONAL COMMAND NORTH, Afghanistan – Although the Soldiers in the 137th Military Police Detachment have been sent to four disparate locations in this region, the unit's commander reports all of the groups are performing well and morale remains high six months into the unit's one-year deployment.

"Things are going really well at all four locations," said detachment commander Capt. Laura Boldry. "The unit has been tasked with setting up the first law and order military police units in regional command north."

She said the unit's Soldiers are also instructing Afghan National Policemen and Afghan National Army Military Policemen in their job training and are running various military police stations.

"This has been a great mission for us to mentor the policemen since they will be responsible for the safety of their nation for years to come," Boldry said. "The detachment has been enjoying the work, and we really do feel like we are doing an important job. It's one we can be proud of for years to come."

Boldry said the detachment received support from many volunteer groups who sent the Soldiers hygiene items, snacks and gifts. She said the Web of Support, Soldiers Angels, Gold Star Moms and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations have been especially generous.

Nevada ADT takes over from South Carolina unit

LOGHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – After several months of training and travel, the Nevada Agribusiness Development Team has finally arrived at its home forward operating base in Afghanistan and has begun its effort to improve the lives of Afghani people and add stability to the government.



Chief Warrant Officer Steve Karrick, center, commander of Operational Support Airlift Detachment 45, stands at attention as his unit is officially mobilized Aug. 8 in Reno. The unit is one of the smallest in the Nevada Army Guard and is the only unit to feature fixed-wing aircraft as its primary equipment. Photo: Maj. Jeff Johnson

The team assumed responsibility from the South Carolina ADT in early September.

The team has already met with some local officials and village leaders to get an idea of what the local Afghans may need to help improve agriculture in their area.

Lt. Col. Bart O'Toole said the improvement of the delivery of electricity and water in the region will be a big issue.

"A lot of their electricity comes from diesel-powered, hand-cranked generators. The diesel can be hard to come by in some of the more isolated villages, and

the hand-cranked generators are hard to maintain," O'Toole said.

The team also plans to build windmills and new irrigation systems, including drip systems.

"We're going to show them windmills are a viable alternative source of electricity for their villages," he said. "They won't need to rely on the other methods that constrained electricity supply to their areas."

The Nevada Agribusiness Development Team is set to be in Afghanistan through June 2011.

Detachment 45 deployment in flight

RENO – One of the smallest units in the state, the Nevada Army Guard's Detachment 45 Operational Support Airlift unit deployed Aug. 8. The unit is headquartered in Stead, and it took two fixed-wing C-12V model Beech Super King aircraft on its deployment to Southwest Asia.

The detachment has about a dozen Soldiers and is the only Army Guard unit in Nevada that features fixed-wing aircraft as its primary equipment.

The unit includes several pilots who have logged a combined total of more than 50,000 flight hours.

The aircraft were refitted with Proline 21 avionics packages and other special mission-essential equipment.

"The OSA Det. 45 mission is to transport personnel, cargo and equipment from any country, at any time, to any location required to complete the mission," said Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Karrick, the commander of the detachment.

The unit became well known in the world of aviation after it set the world altitude record for turboprop aircraft with a 1,000- or 2,000-kilogram payload in September 2002 at the Reno National Championship Air Races and Air Show. At the time, the standard was considered one of aviation's "10 most wanted" records. ■

Engineer units renovate, update Stead Training Site

By Spc. Craig Kenison, 609th Engineer Company

STEAD – Now nearly 70 years old, the Stead Training Site received some much needed updates and improvements this summer from more than 100 Soldiers in the 777th and 240th Engineer Companies and the 277th Engineer Haul Platoon during the units' annual training.

Work on the improvements spanned six weeks as each unit sent three rotations of Soldiers to the training site. The first rotation arrived in early July, with the final rotation concluding its work August 21.

Stead is the oldest of the Nevada Army Guard training sites still in operation, dating back to when it was established as the Reno Army Air Base in October 1942.

For a facility used by the majority of Nevada Guardsmen at one time or another, the units were eager to provide upgrades to support the Soldiers and Airmen who train at the site, located about 10 miles north of downtown Reno.

Capt. Brian Hunsaker supervised the work of the three units and said substantial progress was made on multiple projects during the annual training. All of the tasks begun at the start of annual training were finished on schedule.

The Las Vegas-based units gained some valuable experience, as each Soldier was able to train in his or her exact military occupation. Tasks included the construction of sun shades, a gazebo and a latrine; the installation of electrical outlets in the physical fitness room and the barracks; and pouring concrete walkways and pads.

"This was the type of mission these engineers live for," Hunsaker said.

Hunsaker said the in-house construction probably saved the Nevada National Guard a substantial sum of money.

"With the upgrades, including the new latrine, this annual training likely saved about \$500,000 in civilian construction companies' labor costs," Hunsaker said. "Not to mention that we now have one of the nicest latrines in the entire National Guard."

The units also helped prepare the site for the Mustang 22 memorial at the Army Aviation Support Facility. Mustang 22, a Nevada Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter, was shot down in Afghanistan on Sept. 25, 2005.

Hunsaker said the annual training was effective in preparing the units for future deployments. The only type of engineering



Spc. Paul Soto, left, and Sgt. Arman Velasquez pour a concrete walkway at the dining facility at the Stead Training Site in Reno on July 29 during the 777th Engineer Company's annual training. The annual training gave Soldiers experience in their military occupations as they made improvements to the oldest operating Nevada Guard training site in the state.

Photo: Spc. Craig Kenison

task the units didn't practice during annual training was demolition.

"The engineers' annual training displayed how units can cooperate and keep a Nevada Army Guard facility in a serviceable condition so the rest of the state's units can

take advantage of every available training resource," Hunsaker said. ■

In addition to being a wordsmith, Kenison is also a craftsman. He is a partner in Kenison Construction Company located in Carson City.

ARMY COOK, ILLUSIONIST DISHES OUT TRICKS, TREATS



By Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

CARSON CITY—Although his quickness, creativity and manual dexterity come in handy while he works as an Army cook, Spc. Ryan Wendt is still waiting for his dream military occupation of illusionist to appear like a rabbit in a magician's hat.

*"Any time people are around,
it's a great time to do a trick.
It's a great way to entertain
a variety of people because whether
you are young or old, everyone
loves to be dazzled by illusions."*

Wendt, set to deploy with the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion this winter, spends the majority of his military time working as a food service specialist for C Company. But when he can, he volunteers his time sharing his passion for magic and illusion at events such as school tours and unit family days.

"Any time people are around, it's a great time to do a trick," said Wendt after performing at the 17th Special Troops Battalion's Family Day. "It's a great way to entertain a variety of people because whether you are young or old, everyone loves to be dazzled by illusions."

Wendt, 25, said he became enthralled with the art more than two decades ago when a cousin showed him his first magic trick.

"I think I was just 5 when a cousin of mine did the old pull-a-quarter-out-of-the-ear trick," Wendt said. "That was it – I was hooked! I had to learn how to do that. One new trick led to another, and by the time I was in fourth grade, I competed in a talent show. I didn't win, but it fed my interest in magic."

Though his magic was once just a hobby, Wendt now performs twice a week at a restaurant in Carson City and schedules performances for everything from birthday parties to community events. The community shows are for kindergarten-age children to retirees living in retirement homes.

Spc. Ryan Wendt entertains the crowd at the 17th Special Troops Battalion's Family Day in Virginia City Sept. 11. Wendt often volunteers his time to entertain both children and senior citizens with magic and illusions.

Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

"I was showing some people a few tricks while having a meal at Red's Old 395 Grill a few years ago, when the manager came up and asked if I would be interested in performing regularly," Wendt said.

In addition to entertaining, Wendt uses his skills to inspire middle school kids to read and learn about magic, and to visit their local library.

"I put on a show for the Dayton Valley Intermediate School each reading day. I usually stop along the way at the local library and pick up nearly every book about magic tricks," Wendt said. "I have to ask for extended limits to check out such a large stack of books. Then when the kids ask, 'How did you

learn that?' I show them the stack of books and tell them I learned from these."

He favors street magic because of its interaction between the audience and entertainer. In the street version of the art, the magician draws a spontaneous audience from passers-by and performs an entirely unscripted act. Currently, the most famous magician within the genre is David Blaine.

"I like to be personable and perform right up in front of people where they can watch me closely," Wendt said. "I can feel the energy they're feeling and can see the astonishment on their faces."

Wendt said he never intended to become a semi-professional magician, it's just been a hobby he's always enjoyed.

"I enjoy performing the tricks as much as those watching," Wendt said. "Normally when people come to a magic show, they are already in a pretty good mood. Their mood helps me relax and enjoy the show, too."

In his effort to prevent his show from becoming stale, Wendt is constantly investigating new and different feats of wonder to amaze and entertain his audience. In advance of his upcoming deployment, he's stockpiled an abundance of new magic tricks to perfect during his free time in Afghanistan.

"I have to keep the show fresh, so I'm always learning a new trick or practicing something new," Wendt said. "Other Soldiers might bring a bunch of video games or movies to occupy their down time on deployment – I have a bunch of new magic tricks to master." ■

Wendt performs Friday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m., at Red's Old 395 Grill in Carson City.



Spc. Ryan Wendt performs a magic trick at his civilian gig at Red's Old 395 Grill in Carson City. After entertaining people with illusions for more than two decades, Wendt says he still enjoys magic as much as his patrons. Photo by Sgt. Mike Getten

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Become a fan of Nevada National Guard on Facebook

By Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. – Everyone is invited to become a fan of the Nevada National Guard on Facebook.

The Nevada National Guard has officially entered the social media realm at www.facebook.com. Search for Nevada National Guard on the site, become a fan, then make submissions and posts on the site.

All are advised to follow the guidelines for postings and submissions that appear on the site. The site's administrators will strive to allow all opinions, comments and dialog within operational security and common sense boundaries.

Social media rules of the road

Nevada Guard Soldiers and Airmen should keep in mind that, even though the Department of Defense policy authorizes the use of many of the social media and other Web 2.0 platforms on non-classified government computers, there are still consequences for misuse.

"Access will vary among states, but the Department of Defense has granted access to Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and YouTube as long as users don't compromise operational security, participate in illegal activities or try to open prohibited websites," said Jack Harrison, director of public affairs for the National Guard Bureau.

According to Harrison, there are two kinds of Internet posts: unofficial and official. Unofficial Internet posts are not initiated by any part of the National Guard or reviewed within any official National Guard approval process. Official Internet posts involve content released in an official capacity by a National Guard public affairs office.

Posting internal documents or information the National Guard has not officially released to the public is prohibited. Those documents include internal memos, e-mails, meeting notes, message traffic, white papers, public affairs guidance, pre-decisional materials, investigatory information and proprietary information.

Guard members are also not allowed to release National Guard e-mail addresses, telephone numbers or fax numbers not already authorized for public release.

They are, however, encouraged to responsibly engage in unofficial Internet posts about the National Guard.

"The National Guard is involved in various missions around the world every day, and Guard members are in the best position to share factually the National Guard's story," Harrison said.

When assigned to a federal mission, Guard members must comply with Army or Air Force guidelines for use of social media and are subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

As with other forms of communication, Guard members must also adhere to federal laws, National Guard regulations and governing policies when making unofficial Internet posts.

They are personally responsible for all content that they publish on social networking sites, blogs or other websites.

"They must also be mindful of the content not related to the National Guard that they post, since the lines between a Guard member's personal and professional life are often blurred," Harrison said.

As with other forms of personal public engagement, Guard members must avoid offensive and inappropriate behavior that could bring discredit upon themselves and the National Guard. This includes posting any defamatory, libelous, obscene, abusive, threatening, racially or ethnically hateful, or otherwise offensive or illegal information or material.

Correcting errors and misrepresentations made by others about the National Guard should be done professionally and respectfully, not emotionally. Guard members should contact their chain of command or public affairs office for guidance if they are uncertain about the need for a response.

When posting political content, Guard members must adhere to policy in Department of Defense regulations. They should not imply National Guard endorsement of any opinions, products or causes other than those already officially endorsed by the National Guard.

Guard members are advised to avoid releasing personal identifiable information, such as Social Security numbers or home addresses.

Nevada Soldiers and Airmen should use privacy settings on social networking sites so posted personal information and photos can be viewed only by their "friends." All should realize that social network "friends" and "followers" could affect determinations in background investigations for security clearances.

Guard members should not post information that would infringe upon the privacy, proprietary or personal rights of others or use any words, logos or other marks that would infringe upon the trademark, service mark, certification mark or other intellectual property rights of the owners of such marks without the owner's permission.

The National Guard, Army or Air Force logo and other symbols may be used in unofficial posts as long as they are used in a manner that does not bring discredit upon the Guard, result in personal financial gain or give the impression of official or implied endorsement.

Finally, Guard members should review their accounts daily for possible use or changes by unauthorized users and should install and maintain current anti-virus and anti-spyware software on their personal computers.

For more information on the Department of Defense's social media policies, visit <http://socialmedia.defense.gov>.

For answers to social media questions, Nevada Airmen and Soldiers can call Maj. April Conway at (775) 887-7250 or e-mail the National Guard's social media office at socialmedia@ng.army.mil. ■



From **BARNEY FIFE** to **SERGEANT YORK**

By Spc. Emerson Marcus, 106th Public Affairs Detachment



CARSON CITY – I was more nervous than the Cowardly Lion at the gates of Oz the day before my marksmanship training course began this summer.

After all, my résumé as a poor marksman was unmatched.

It took me three days to qualify with the M-16 rifle in basic training, mainly because I hadn't shot anything other than a BB gun in my life. I'm also known to quiver like a defensive back guarding Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald when I handle an automatic weapon.

But as a result of the five-day Advanced Combat Shooting Course in Carson City instructed by the state's top 20 marksmen, I finally became comfortable with the 9 mm pistol, the M-4 rifle and the M-240B machine gun. Not to mention that I became a sharpshooter with a rifle for the first time in my military career.

The week started Sunday night with a pre-training review on my couch in front of the TV. I filled my brain with numbers like 5.56 millimeters (the size of each M-4 round), 500 meters (the maximum effective range of an M-4 rifle at point targets) and 6.36 pounds (the weight of the M-4 rifle). While the information was useful, it wasn't imperative for the hands-on marksmanship course I would soon begin.

The entire course was on a rifle range off Highway 50 near Flint Drive in Carson City. Thankfully, there were no PowerPoint presentations involved.

Zeroing the M-4 was the first activity on the range. The M-4 was a weapon I first met

at basic training. Sure, most of the training consisted of dry-firing at a wooden target box outside our barracks at Fort Jackson, S.C., but I still knew the feel of the weapon and its functions.

However, I wasn't prepared for how many rounds we would fire during our first day – more than 200.

"More trigger time leads to better marksmanship," said Master Sgt. Jeff Wilkinson, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the course, which was established in May. "The idea is these Soldiers will go back to their units and train other Soldiers with the knowledge they obtain from the course."

By the afternoon, we also gained trigger time with the M-240B machine gun, a belt-fed automatic weapon that shoots like a jackhammer.

My comfort level increased after my first day. I started to feel good about myself until I received feedback from my marksmanship instructor.

"You suck," said Sgt. Paul Rivera of the 609th Engineering Company.

Of course, he also explained what I was doing wrong and how I could improve. Primarily, I had to relax and focus on my fundamentals.

The third day was the toughest for me because it focused on the 9 mm pistol, a weapon I'd never shot. I felt confident after firing my first 10-round magazine from a 25-meter distance. But I soon realized no rounds found the target – not even the paper canvas.

Did I have phantom rounds? Was something wrong with my weapon? It turned out to be operator error.



Spc. Emerson Marcus of the 106th Public Affairs Detachment positions himself for the stress test during the advanced marksmanship training course in Carson City in July. Soldiers in the course fired more than 1,000 rounds with three different weapons during the five-day course.

Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

Advanced Combat Shooting Course Basics

- Each Soldier fires 800 5.56 mm, 175 9 mm and 200 7.62 mm rounds each during the course.
- Soldiers must pass a stress test the final day of the exercise that includes a timed live-fire obstacle course.
- Classes are set to begin again in June 2011.
- To enroll, Soldiers should meet with their respective readiness NCO.

**For information, call
Master Sgt. Jeff Wilkinson
at (775) 772-7245.**

All of my rounds struck below the target because I was nodding the weapon in anticipation of the reflex.

Our next exercise corrected my error. Each student teamed up with a classmate who randomly loaded one round or left their partner's weapon empty.

When I received my weapon from my partner, I prepared to fire at the target without knowing if it was loaded. When I fired without a round in the chamber, in anticipation of the reflex, it became obvious that I was nodding my weapon.

I then stopped worrying about the reflex, and my rounds began finding the target. This was one of many useful and creative exercises in the course's curriculum.

By the end of the course, I had passed as a sharpshooter and had even become accustomed to nailing target head shots with the 9 mm. My ability as a marksman greatly improved because of the focus on fundamentals and hands-on training.

This course accomplished the impossible in five days: it turned a quivering novice into a comfortable sharpshooter, a skill every Soldier should possess. ■

Between time spent contributing to Battle Born magazine and the Reno Gazette Journal and Nevada Sagebrush newspapers, Marcus is taking the final classes needed to complete a bachelor's degree at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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Space-A travel affordable fall vacation option

By Staff Sgt. Eric Ritter
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

CARSON CITY – When it comes to travel, summer is overrated.

With mild weather and fewer tourists, autumn is the perfect time for a getaway, especially for active and retired Nevada Guardsmen.

Few service members are aware of the potential travel opportunities. Websites such as militarytravel.com, militaryhops.com and the always-useful military.com are great starting points to view commercial discounts. (Some sites are always looking to take advantage of military members looking for good deals, so remain cautious.)

There are also military-sponsored resources such as space available travel (commonly referred to as “Space A” travel) that people may use for transportation.

In the Space A program, eligible passengers can fill unused seats on Department of Defense aircraft once all the space-required (duty) passengers and cargo have been accommodated.

Space A flying is a low-cost, sometimes free, way to hop on a military flight to almost anywhere in the world. If you plan it out, you can be on the beaches in the Virgin Islands or Hawaii in no time. National Guardsmen and reservists are limited to flights within the United States and its territories unless on active duty orders. On active duties orders, they can travel anywhere Space A may take them.

Space A is open to everyone in uniform and with retired identification, but there are tiers of preference for who gets priority seating. According to the Air Force’s Air Mobility Command, space availability is broken down into six priorities.

Category I: Active uniformed members on emergency leave

Category II: Service members on environmental morale leave. This type of leave is authorized at overseas installations where adverse environmental conditions require special arrangements for leave in desirable places at periodic intervals.

Category III: Active uniformed member on ordinary leave. They may also take one dependent with a valid military ID card.

Category IV: Unaccompanied family members of service members on EML.



The Hale Koa Resort near the picturesque beaches of Honolulu, Hawaii, especially welcomes military members and their families who vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. The resort is one of dozens worldwide that specializes in catering to traveling military members looking for some rest and relaxation. Photo: Courtesy of Hale Koa Resort

Category V: Permissive temporary duty other than house hunting.

Category VI: Retirees and traditional National Guard and reservists. The one big draw-back for traditional Guardsmen is that dependents are not eligible to fly.

Although traditional National Guard Soldiers and Airmen may be on the bottom of the list and limited to the 54 states and territories, Nevada Air Guard Space A coordinator Senior Master Sgt. Rob Garrett said as long as a traveler has a lot of time and some emergency funds, service members can have great trips to uncommon destinations.

“Some people swear by Space A for travel,” Garrett said. “We get quite a few folks who hop on our flights out of Reno just to go somewhere. They really make an adventure out of it.”

Since National Guard members are on a secondary priority tier, it’s common to get “bumped” from many Space A flights.

Garrett offered a bag full of suggestions to avoid disappointment.

“Most importantly, have a Plan B,” Garrett said. “Space A is a good way to travel cheaply, but it’s also unpredictable. A lot of factors may come up, like the aircraft breaks down, you get bumped from a leg of the flight, or flight plans change.

“You have to make sure you have enough backup funds for extended lodging or a civilian plane ticket.”

He highly recommended, if you’re not tied down to anything, just go hop on a flight and explore some of the dozens of Space A destination spots in the United States.

Second only to Space A travel popularity is Space A lodging, which comes in handy

after you’ve landed at your destination. Since most Space A flights land on military installations, there are, in most cases, on-base billeting available for travelers.

Just like the flights, however, always remember you can be bumped by someone in a higher priority category. Always call ahead check on availability and make reservations if possible.

On-base lodging usually has the same amenities found in an off-base hotel (i.e., television, maid service, ironing board and Internet). Many on-base facilities base the price of the stay on the traveler’s rank. Usually, on-base billeting will cost less than in-town lodging.

If you’re looking for a prolonged vacation over a few days, check out the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Armed forces personnel and their family and friends can have access to spacious accommodations at more than 3,500 resorts, apartments, condominiums and homes in more than 80 countries.

Weeklong stays in world-class resorts are typically about \$300 a stay. But, just like when traveling on Space A flights, your best options will be in the off-peak travel season.

So if you have the time and (emergency) money, Space A travel might just be the perfect way to make your vacation affordable. And the mode of travel will certainly make the vacation memorable.

For information, call Garrett at (775) 788-4774. ■

Ritter was not bumped from his military flight to Afghanistan when he departed this summer with the Nevada Guard’s Agribusiness Development Team.

MAY AIR BASE: May be right, may be wrong

By Master Sgt. Sam Macaluso
Nevada Air Guard Historian

RENO – Everyone in the Nevada National Guard knows that the name of the base in Reno is the Nevada Air National Guard Base – or is it?

In the early 1970s, the majority of people referred to the base as the May Air National Guard Base.

What's officially correct?

Actually, both names are technically correct. People often refer to the base as May Air National Guard Base, but to quell any confusion surrounding who maintains the base and its location, it's proper to say Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno.

All of the confusion stems from events that occurred decades ago.

In the summer of 1961, Maj. Gen. James May, the Adjutant General of Nevada, was recognized for his service when the Air Guard base in Reno was renamed May Air National Guard Base.

The dedication was the high point of the annual Governor's Day ceremony. Gov. Grant Sawyer's representative, State Controller Keith Lee, made the dedication address honoring May, who was largely responsible for establishing the facilities at the base.

A plaque was presented to May in recognition of his years of service to the state of Nevada and the National Guard. The plaque is currently located at the north-west corner of Sierra Air National Guard Association building.

However, the May Air National Guard Base designation was unofficial. According to retired Maj. Gen. Giles Vanderhoof, the Nevada Air Guard was told to avoid the use of May Air Base.

Vanderhoof said because the federal government and U.S. Air Force owned the base and the property, they were the naming authority.

The base was officially designated as the Nevada Air National Guard Base at Reno. Still, the May Air National Guard Base nomenclature was common through the early 1990s.

May is one of the most interesting characters in Nevada National Guard history. He was born on May 31, 1908, in Sparks, graduated from Reno High and attended the University of Nevada, Reno.



From left, Col. Willie Dalzell, Maj. Gen. James May and State Comptroller Keith Lee mark the dedication of the May Air National Guard Base in 1961. Although the plaque can still be found on the base, federal authorities and the Air Force say the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno remains the official name of the facility. File photo: Courtesy of Master Sgt. Sam Macaluso

His military career started in 1925 when he enlisted as a private in the enlisted reserve corps and served a three-year stint. In 1936, he reenlisted in the 115th Combat Engineering Corps and became an officer.

May entered federal service in 1940 and transferred to the 121st Coast Artillery, where he became a captain. By 1942, he had reached the rank of lieutenant colonel and served as commander of his battalion. In 1944, he was appointed commander of the 530th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

In the European Theater of Operations during World War II, May was with the 489th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He was released from federal service in 1946 and then joined the Nevada National Guard where he attained the rank of colonel.

In November 1947, May became the Adjutant General of the state of Nevada; he was also the director of the state's selective service system.

He was promoted to brigadier general in 1949 and received his second star in 1953.

May was responsible for overseeing the establishment of the Nevada Air National Guard and its move from Stead to its current location. He directed the building of the base's facilities at that time.

For all of his contributions, he was honored by having the base – at least unofficially – named after him.

May passed away in 1969 at the age of 61.

Even today, some Nevada Air National Guard's correspondence is addressed to May Air National Guard Base.

But whether you are planning to meet a person there or send correspondence, it's probably a good idea to avoid any chance of confusion and use the base's official name: the Nevada Air National Guard Base in Reno. ■

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Army Guard welcomes five new second lieutenants,

By Sgt. 1st Class Frank Marquez,
17th Sustainment Brigade

CARSON CITY – The Nevada Army Guard's 421st Regional Training Institute graduated five candidates from its Officer Candidate School and conducted a change of command in a joint ceremony at the Office of the Adjutant General here on Sept. 11. The class produced five new lieutenants and one Soldier eligible for a commission.

The new officers are 2nd Lt. Nigel Harrison, 2nd Lt. Timothy Jeffers, 2nd Lt. Eric Mangino, 2nd Lt. Travis Nielsen and 2nd Lt. Daniel Thomassian.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Gilberti passed the course but chose to defer his commission.

An Officer Candidate School change of command ceremony took place following the commissioning ceremony. Maj. David Evans took command of the Officer Candidate School from Maj. Amy Newman in the ceremony conducted by the 421st commander Lt. Col. Joanne Farris and Command Sgt. Maj. Suzanne Albin. Newman is now the state's equal opportunity officer.

Special guests included Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales, commander of the Nevada Army National Guard; Chief Warrant Officer Dave Anderson, command chief warrant



The 421st Regimental Training Institute's Officer Candidate School class of 2010 takes time for a group photo following its commissioning ceremony. The new second lieutenants were pinned during a ceremony at the Office of the Adjutant General in Carson City on Sept. 11. From left, Capt. Jeffrey Figueredo, training, advising and counseling officer; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Gilberti; 2nd Lt. Timothy Jeffers; Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Backus, training, advising and counseling noncommissioned officer; 2nd Lt. Daniel Thomassian; Maj. Amy Newman, OCS commander; 2nd Lt. Eric Mangino; 2nd Lt. Nigel Harrison; and 2nd Lt. Travis Nielsen.

Photo: Maj. Jeff Johnson

officer; Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Sitton, senior enlisted leader; and Command Sgt. Maj. Daryl Keithley, state command sergeant major.

1/221st ARS receives new commander

LAS VEGAS – Lt. Col. Kurt Neddenriep assumed command of the Nevada Guard's cavalry squadron Sept. 12 during a change of command ceremony for the 1/221st Armored Reconnaissance Squadron at Clark County Army.

Neddenriep took over from Lt. Col. Scott Cunningham, who led the squadron during its recent one-year deployment to Afghanistan.

Hundreds of the squadron's cavalry Soldiers and several Nevada military leaders, including Adjutant General Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, Army Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales and regiment commander Col. Tony Aguto, attended the ceremony.

"It has been an absolute privilege to serve with these guys," said Cunningham, who had commanded the squadron for four years.

Cunningham advised his successor to strive to achieve the most ambitious objectives.

"You know what the Soldiers are capable of doing. Tell the Soldiers to keep their knives sharp and their weapons clean," said Cunningham. "This unit was meant to go



Maj. Trish Svare hands over the guidon of the Joint Force Headquarters for the final time to Army Guard commander Brig. Gen. Frank Gonzales on Aug. 7 in Carson City.

Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka



into harm's way. They joined not because it was easy, but because it's hard."

"The bar has been set high by our leadership," Neddenriep said, "and we intend to meet their expectations."

Kelly in charge at JFHQ

On Aug. 7, Maj. Heath Kelly replaced Maj. Trish Svare as the commander of the Joint Force Headquarters in Carson City.

The unit has about 140 Soldiers, including 60 warrant officers and officers. The mission of the JFHQ is to support its Soldiers with personnel, logistics and training.

Kelly took command of the unit after serving 15 months as the battalion administrative officer for the 991st Troop Command. He's served nearly five years in the Nevada National Guard and previously commanded the 1864th Transportation Company.

Kelly came to the Nevada Army National Guard after a seven-year active duty stint as a field artillery officer. While on active duty, he served in Iraq as a border enforcement officer, a battalion fire support officer, and a 1st Cavalry Division lieutenant.

Svare is now the personnel officer for the 421st Regional Training Institute. ■



Maj. Heath Kelly succeeded Maj. Trish Svare as JFHQ's commander.

Photo: Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka

Airmen, Soldiers take advantage of free courses

By Master Sgt. Suzanne Connell
152nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RENO – Earlier this year, 52 Nevada National Guard Airmen and Soldiers and their family members took advantage of several free classes offered by the northern Nevada chapter of the American Red Cross.

Funded by a grant from the Department of Defense, the courses were open on a first-come, first-served basis to all Nevada military personnel, regardless of branch or component.

The curriculum included cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, automated external defibrillator use for the workplace, babysitting certification and wilderness first aid.

The classes were conducted in Reno, Carson City and Fallon.

Master Sgt. Tracy Woodfolk of the Nevada Air Guard participated in a CPR/AED course at the air base. She said the information was good, and the class complemented her recent U.S. Air Force's self-aid and buddy care training.

Several Airmen from the 152nd Airlift Wing participated in the wilderness first aid course at the Red Cross office in May.

"The course didn't contradict our Air Force training, but it expanded on it," Senior Airman Adam Willett said. "The training gave us diagnostic tools to consider for long-term care while in the wilderness."

Master Sgt. Bill Vineis applied what he learned during the wilderness first aid training in a session he taught at a local Boy Scout camp.

"The Scouts loved the emergency care tasks, and even the Scouts who were reluctant at first eventually got into the game," Vineis said.

In April, five dependents of Nevada Guardsmen received babysitting certification from the Red Cross, potentially helping them with future employment.

The courses are expected to be offered next year.

For information, contact the Northern Nevada Red Cross chapter at (775) 856-1000 or log on to www.nevada.redcross.org. For information in southern Nevada, call (702) 791-3311. ■



Nevada Air Guard Tech. Sgt. Nemiah Rutledge, left, and Airman 1st Class David Hescox practice the pack-strap carry during the American Red Cross's first aid course in Reno in April 2010.

Photo: Master Sgt. Suzanne Connell

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SPORTS NEWS

Signal 1st Sgt. in for deployment long run

By Dave Price, Carson Sports.com

CARSON CITY – 1st Sgt. Elizabeth Liemandt had to be mentally prepared and focused for her tough cross country races in the 1980s when she was running for Douglas High in Minden.

Today, she's getting herself prepped and ready for another difficult endurance event as she is set to lead 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion Soldiers for the next year during the battalion's deployment to Afghanistan. Liemandt is the first sergeant for the headquarters unit that will leave in January.

Liemandt, who lives in Carson City and graduated from Douglas High in 1988, said the deployment will be similar to the 1988 state championship in cross country – difficult but rewarding. Liemandt finished seventh in that race.

"It's going to be difficult, long and tough, but at the same time, I can't wait to go," Liemandt said. "It's like, 'Let's go do our job and be the best we can be.'"

"Being the first sergeant on this deployment will be the pinnacle of my career. As the first sergeant, you can have an impact on the Soldiers and guide their careers and influence their personal lives."

Liemandt has had a successful long run with the Army ever since enlisting in 1994 after graduating from Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colo., with a degree in history and education. While a student at



No stranger to challenging events, 1st Sgt. Elizabeth Liemandt gets ready for yet another as she cleans her M-4 rifle in preparation for the 422nd Expeditionary Signal Battalion's upcoming deployment. Inset, Liemandt built the foundation for her military career with traits she developed as a distance runner with Douglas High in the 1980s. Liemandt finished seventh in the state in 1988.

Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten. Inset: Courtesy of 1st Sgt. Elizabeth Liemandt

Mesa, she competed on the collegiate cross country team.

There have never been any doubts about her decision to pursue a military career.

"When I got in, I did a four-year enlistment," Liemandt said. "Right away, I knew I loved it."



Liemandt did stints in the Republic of Korea from 1995-96 at Camp Kyle and at Fort Hood, Texas, from 1996-99. Her daughter Katyrose was born at Fort Hood, and her son Sammy was born in April 2003 after she had returned to Nevada in 1999 after her enlistment concluded.

Once home, it didn't take long for Liemandt to realize she missed the Army.

"I was off active two months, and I couldn't stand not being in the military, so I joined the Guard," Liemandt said. "Soldiers work hard and play hard, and I wanted to be part of a cohesive unit. And you're always doing a lot of different things in the Guard. One month you might do your military occupation, but the next month you might go to the Soldier of the Year competition, so there is always variety."

Liemandt has been with the signal battalion since 1999. She was with the battalion as a platoon sergeant when it deployed to Kuwait and Iraq from December 2003-March 2005.

She remembers the homecoming from that deployment in 2005 as one of the highlights of her life.

"I got home the day after Katyrose's birthday on March 16," Liemandt said. "The whole family met for dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Reno. We list that as our best day ever." ■

Dave Price is a staff writer for Carson Sports.com.

Sports opportunities abound in the competitions program

By Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka, Battle Born Editor

CARSON CITY – If ever you dreamed of making it to the Olympic Games but weren't born with world class abilities, the National Guard Bureau's Military Competitions Program may satisfy your competitive urges.

The program allows National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to compete in domestic and international competitions representing the National Guard Bureau. The program encompasses four military-related sports including distance running, marksmanship, biathlon and Leapfest (parachuting).

The distance running event is usually contested each May at the annual Lincoln Marathon. In 2010, the Nevada team placed 38th out of the 54 states and territories. A marathon qualifying time is needed for entry, so contestants should aim to run a fall or winter marathon. For information on the marathon team and qualifying, call Staff Sgt. Paul Duncan at (702) 856-4851.

After a long hiatus, the marksmanship team is now one of the Nevada Guard's largest and fastest-growing teams with 27 Soldiers and Airmen. In 2010, the team competed at state, regional and national

levels. For information, call Staff Sgt. Phil Risi at (775) 348-1046.

Biathlon combines cross country skiing and rifle marksmanship. The Nevada team placed 5th in the nation in the military patrol race. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Erick Studenicka at (775) 887-7250.

Leapfest entails target parachuting. The goal is to land close to or on a large orange "X" on the drop zone. Once on the ground, jumpers are timed until they touch the "X." Nevada had no participants in 2010.

For more information, call Sgt. Megan Burmeister (401) 275-4038. ■



Lt. Col. Shawn Casey putts for par on the seventh green at Arrowcreek Country Club in Reno on July 14. His Pro-Am team tied for third during the round of best-ball play. Casey earned his slot in the tournament after winning the Nevada Guard qualifier in May. Photo: Sgt. Mike Getten

Casey's team third in Reno-Tahoe Open Pro-Am

By Sgt. Mike Getten
Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

RENO – After competing in the Reno-Tahoe Open's Pro-Am Tournament in July, maybe Lt. Col. Shawn Casey will be invited to play in the open event next summer.

The Nevada Army Guard's Casey and his teammates finished third in the best-ball event on July 14 at Arrowcreek Country Club during the second round of the Pro-Am. Two days earlier, the team had finished fourth at Montreaux Golf and Country Club in the first round of the tourney.

The theme for the tournament this year was "A Salute to the Troops," and four military servicemen including Casey were invited to compete as a team during the Pro-Am. Casey earned his spot by winning the Nevada Guard's qualifying tournament last spring.

"The entire experience was awesome," said Casey, the Army Guard's surface maintenance manager. "The other golfers, the sponsors and all of the staff treated us well during the entire event." ■



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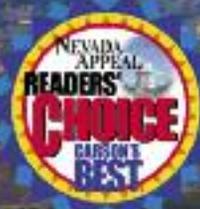
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